

## Message Text

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R 062321Z APR 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
AMEMBASSY SUVA  
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:ASEC

SUBJECT: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS - AMERICAN EMBASSY, SUVA

REF: A. RSO, WELLINGTON MEMO DATED MARCH 8, 1977

B. RSO, CANBERRA MEMO DATED FEBRUARY 5, 1976

1. A/SY/OPS/FO AND EA/EX REVIEWED THE PLANNED PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE RECEPTION AREA AND RECEPTIONIST/CONSULAR COUNTER SUBMITTED BY REFERENCE A. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE COUNTER. THE OVERALL  
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PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN DOES NOT HOWEVER, MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS. REFERENCE B WAS A JOINT PLAN DEVELOPED BY DOMNICK RILEY, RALPH SCARRITT AND BOB WHITE. THIS PLAN INCORPORATED BALLISTICALLY LINED PARTITIONS AND DOORS AT EACH SIDE OF THE RECEPTIONIST/CONSULAR COUNTER. THIS CONFIGURATION ENSURED THE SCREENING OF ALL VISITORS PRIOR TO THEIR ADMITTANCE TO THE INTERIOR OF THE OFFICE COMPLEX. WITH-

OUT THIS INITIAL CONTROL POINT, OCCUPANTS OF THE COMMERCIAL LIBRARY AND THE VICE CONSUL WOULD BECOME VULNERABLE.

2. WE ALSO ANALYZED THE COUNTER-PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY POST TO RSO CANBERRA, SUVA'S 171. REINFORCING THE VICE CONSUL'S WALL BETWEEN THE OFFICE AND WAITING ROOM, AND ALL WALLS OF THE COMMERCIAL LIBRARY ADDS CONSIDERABLY MORE

FEATURES WITHOUT PROVIDING THE DESIRED POSITIVE ACCESS CONTROL. THIS COUNTER-PROPOSED CONFIGURATION PROVIDES A POSSIBILITY FOR AN UNWELCOME VISITOR GAINING ACCESS TO THE OFFICE COMPLEX VIA THE VICE-CONSUL'S OFFICE.

3. IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO DEPARTMENTAL MINIMUM STANDARDS, REQUEST POST RECONSIDER ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN REFERENCE B. ADDITIONALLY, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR THE PROVISION OF A PACKAGE INSPECTION SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTED BY EITHER HAND-HELD OR WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTORS FOR MORE SELECTIVE WEAPON SEARCHES.

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